REPORT

ON THE

Newfoundland and Labrador Fisheries.

1875.

BY CAPTAIN ERSKINE, R.N.

(FIRST AND SECOND CRUIZES.)

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Forwarding Fishery Report.

H. M. S. "ECLIPSE,"
St. John's, N. F., 24th Oct. 1875.

SIR,—

I have the honor to forward my Fishery Report for the year 1875; and in doing so, I regret to have to report a very indifferent Fishery season.

This may, I think, be attributed in a great measure to the unusual lateness and severity of the season. The same quantity of ice has not been known on this coast for forty years. On the 5th August we counted in one day upwards of one hundred icebergs in the Straits of Belleisle, and an unusual occurrence took place this year, viz.: that towards the end of the season, when the cod were in some places plentiful, bait was not to be secured.

On the whole the summer has been unusually fine and dry, with less fog than is usual at that season.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
JAMES E. ERSKINE,
Captain and Senior Officer.

Vice-Admiral
GEORGE G. WELLESLEY, C.B., &c., &c.
Commander-in-Chief.

FIRST CRUIZE

H. M. S. "ECLIPSE,"

June 7th to August 9th,

FROM CAPE RACE WESTWARD TO ST. JOHN'S.

SECOND CRUIZE

H. M. S. "ECLIPSE,"

Sept. 9th to Oct. 6th,

FROM ST. JOHN'S TO THE LABRADOR.

First Cruise H.M.S. "Eclipse."

THE SOUTH COAST—CAPE RACE TO CAPE RAY.

TREPASSEY, June 9 to 11.

Found ourselves in a dense fog close to Cape Mutton; anchored for the night in Biscay Bay, and next day, June 8th, anchored off Daniel Point, Trepassey. Fog signal much required on Powle's Head. No cod or salmon.

ST. MARY'S, June 12.

First sign of cod. One boat had thirty quintals of fish.

SALMONIER, June 16.

Shoals of caplin seen sixty miles off the coast. Heard reports of great success on the Banks from Mr. Curtis, who is, I believe, one of the few Englishmen fishing there; he had just come in for bait, and returns.

COLINET, June 18.

Fifty-two boats belonging to the Westward taking herring bait; seventy gone to Cape St. Mary's ground; good sign of fish. North Harbor, forty salmon caught in herring seine; all well.

PLACENTIA, June 19.

Three hundred western boats having returned on 18th, with from five to fifteen quintals on bultows; caplin struck into Placentia June 10th; very little cod with hook and line; all well; no complaints.

BURIN, June 21.

No fish; no caplin; herring bait; no complaints; all well.

GREAT ST. LAWRENCE, June 22.

Fifty quintals of salmon in sea nets. Good prospect of cod; average for punt, two hands, five quintals; forty quintals by bultows. No complaints. All well.

LITTLE ST. LAWRENCE, June 22.

Doctor performed an operation here; also, case of St. Vitus's dance. They have got over their superstition against the use of bultows.

BAY DESPAIR, June 25.

Great Jervis Harbor—Poor fishery; herring bait. People healthy; no complaints. *North Arm*—Only five families here, including telegraph station. Getting a few cod in East River.

CAPE LAHUNE, June 26.

Getting a good many salmon, and fair prospect of cod.

LITTLE RIVER, June 26.

Cod fishing very poor as yet; no caplin; herring scarce; five salmon nets at the entrance. People very poor; hand lines only used. All well and no complaints.

RAMEO AND BURGEO ISLANDS.

WHITE BEAR BAY, June 29.

Fair catch of cod, and good prospect. About fifty quintals taken by codseines on 26th. Bait scarce. All well.

LAPOILE, June 29.

Cod scarce; caplin in since June 20th; weather having been rough, much against fishing. All well.

PORT-AUX-BASQUES, July 3.

From thirty to ninety quintals cod for two men; caplin in on June 10th, plentiful. Salmon scarce, and no wonder!! All deep sea fishing handline in ninety to two hundred fathoms, five miles off shore; weather much against fishing. Men from Burgeo to Port-aux-Basques have been off the latter place all May and June. Halibut caught here up to 200 lbs. weight.

SYDNEY, CAPE BRETON, July 8 to 14.

Left Port-aux-Basques at 4 p.m., July 7th; arrived off North Sydney 6 a.m. 8th; took in one hundred tons of coal and was at anchor off South Sydney at 4 p.m.

CODROY, July 15 to 18.

French establishment on Codroy Island, consisting of sixteen men, one schooner, seven small boats, and six stages. Very good feeling between French and English. Population on main land about four hundred and is increasing. French captain complained against use of cod seines. Heard complaint against the proceedings of French war steamer *Adonis*. Cod-fishery middling; caplin had gone; very little doing. Salmon increasing here.

BAY ST. GEORGE, July 18.

No French here. One thousand five hundred to two thousand inhabitants between the two Capes. Herring fishing chiefly; have had a poor season as yet. All well; no complaints; a clergyman and doctor; no magistrate.

BAY OF ISLANDS, July 21.

Birchy Cove, Humber Sound—Cod-fishing very good, better than usual; caplin plentiful; crops good. Four new families in the Sound; new school-house just completed, and two Roman Catholic chapels; fifteen new dwelling houses; four new fish stores; six new families in South Arm; two saw mills, both in full swing; salmon scarce. Mr. Carter, collector of timber duties, referred to me; declined to interfere.

BONNE BAY, July 23.

Cod-fishery very poor. A great many complaints, chiefly disputes, about land and the use of cod seines and trawls. Caplin plentiful; fifty tierces of salmon in the Bay; all men at the Labrador; six new families from Nova Scotia; two from Cape Breton; seventeen new dwelling-houses, six new stores, one new church; people healthy.

DANIEL HEAD AND COW HEAD.

Salmon and cod fishery good.

ROCHE HARBOUR.

More cod than Bonne Bay. Some salmon.

PONDS RIVER, MALL BAY, July 25.

Two Rivers, both completely barred by a weir and fished by a Frenchman. Frenchman and five others, thirty tierces of salmon, thirty quintals of cod. Chinnick (English) and two hands, five tierces of salmon and ten quintals of cod.—(See special report.)

TROUT RIVER.

Cod scarce; a few salmon. No complaints.

HAWKE'S HARBOR, July 25.

Two rivers fished by two brothers, Francis and Bryan Eastman from Port-aux-Choix; five tierces salmon; Northeast River, two tierces salmon. Torrent, no settlers here.

KEPPLE'S ISLAND.

Three French vessels, one barque and two brigs, about two hundred men. Same as last year; fish scarce; bait plentiful.

PORT-AUX-CHOIX.

Five French vessels, about five hundred and fifty men. Same English as last year; plenty caplin; cod scarce.

ST. JOHN'S ISLAND, July 30.

Four French vessels, about four hundred and fifty men. Six English families, same as last year; fish scarce; caplin plenty and few herrings; all well. Salmon scarce, and no wonder!!

ST. BARBE'S, July 30.

Cod scarce, also salmon, and no wonder! No complaints; all well. Sent a boat up rivers and found nets properly placed, of course.

FORTEAU, LABRADOR, July 31.

Five hundred quintals for two cod-seines; from thirty to forty per boat, hook and line; caplin plentiful. August 3, from four to five quintals, boat two hands. Salmon scarce.

BLACK BAY, August 4.

From twenty to thirty quintals per boat. Caplin plenty. All well.

RED BAY, August 4.

Seven hundred and fifty quintals, two codseines; from twenty to forty quintals per boat, two hands; one codseine, one hundred quintals. Salmon plenty in sea nets, and all along as far as Venison Tickle. Bait plenty.

CREMAILLERE BAY, NFLD., August 5.

Cod-fishery good with hook and line; salmon plenty. Four English families. No French rooms for nine years. Herring plenty. All well. No complaints. French fishery bad with codseines in different harbours around. No end of icebergs; counted one hundred and twelve one day.

CANADA BAY, August 17.

Inglee Cove—Thirty to forty quintals per boat; seventy tierces of salmon, all told. Bait plentiful, good prospects of fish. Herring coming in. Twenty English families here. Nearest French rooms—Canada Harbor one; Cat's Cove one.

HILLIARD HARBOR.

No French room here now. Left Canada Bay 11.30 a.m., August 17th, for St. John's.

Second Cruise H.M.S. "Eclipse."

Left St. John's at 5 p.m. 9th September, having on board two moose for conveyance. Arrived and anchored off Bussy Point, Gander Bay, at 6 p.m., September 10th.

GANDER BAY, Sept 10th to 21st.

Landed the moose safely 13th September, and having kept them in a cow house for a few days, finally, on Monday 20th, turned them into the woods. Sailed next day, nothing more having been seen of them.

Average fishing in the neighborhood of Fogo, twelve quintals per man. Fish still plentiful, but bait scarce; obliged to use shell fish. Passed a schooner from the Labrador, who had four hundred quintals; belonged to Greenspond, reports fish scarce, but herring plentiful.

CANADA BAY, Sept. 22.

Plenty of cod, but no bait but shell fish. Have had a fair season—that means good. Salmon have done well.

CAPE ROUGE HARBOR, Sept. 23.

Seven French rooms, four vessels, about five hundred men. The French in this harbor have had a fair voyage—the best by all accounts on this part of the coast. Ten French vessels here preparing to go home.

CONCHE.

No French here; about twenty English families; no difficulties with the French, except complaint reported on.

ST. ANTHONY'S, Sept. 24.

Two French rooms and three vessels. About twelve English families in the Bay, and about the same number in St. Mien's Bay. Bad fishery. French Captain told me each ship would lose from four thousand to five thousand francs on the voyage. Salmon had been good. Complaints between French and English general here.—*(See Magisterial duties.)*

THE LABRADOR.

NIGER SOUND, HORN BAY, Sept. 25.

This is a very snug anchorage and easy of access. We rode out a furious northwest gale; barometer down to 28.55; good holding ground. October 1st, a heavy snow storm set in and lasted three days.

CAMP ISLAND, CHIMNEY TICKLES, and PLEASURE HARBOR.

Catch seventy to eighty quintals for two men. One hundred and fifty to one hundred and eighty barrels of herring per room.

CAPE ST. CHARLES.

About same catch of fish and herring. Salmon good. *Ripple*, schooner, from Bay of Islands, eight men. Summer catch—two hundred quintals cod, three hundred barrels herring, fifteen tierces salmon.

ISLET BAY.

Four schooners here.

CAPE CHARLES.

Ten schooners here.

ANTEL COVE.

Four schooners here.

SIZES HARBOR.

Fifty schooners here.

BATTLE HARBOR.

Stopped and communicated with Mr. Knight, collector of Customs, who has no complaints. Eight schooners here. Heard of no barring of herrings.

FROM CAMP ISLAND TO DEAD ISLANDS.

Herring fishery has been very good. Cod middling, and at Little Harbour great abundance of herring.

MAGISTERIAL DUTIES.

Magisterial Duties H.M.S "Eclipse," 1875.

PORT-AUX-BASQUES.

Found North-east river of Grand Bay barred. Suspicions being directed towards William Kiddle, who had been previously warned by Commander Luttrell, he was summoned and examined. He solemnly denied having any thing to do with the net, and nobody appearing, due notice having been given, it was accordingly seized, and will be sold by public auction at St. John's.—(See letter to Sir H. Hoyles.)

CODROY.

Breach of the Peace—William Ellis *vs.* Reuben Rendell. The latter bound over to keep the peace, himself in £1, Nathaniel Arroworthy and William Ellis in the sum of ten shillings; and several minor cases. Took depositions with respect to lifting of nets by French Rep. S. V. *Adonis*. Heard complaint of French against use of codseines; ordered them to be discontinued.

BAY OF ISLANDS.

Received the following letter from Mr. Carter:—

Sir,—

Having been appointed by the Governor of Newfoundland, Collector of Timber duties and Justice of the Peace, and failed to induce mill pro-

prietors or exporters of timber to comply with the requirements, I am directed by the terms of the commission to proceed against them in the name of the Surveyor General of Newfoundland, John H. Warren, Esq., for the penalty as prescribed in the Act before one of the Justices of the Peace in H. M. Ships *Eclipse* or *Swallow*. May I ask a few minutes interview to explain the position further, at your leisure.

Sir, your obedient servant,

(Signed) G. W. B. CARTER.

Not considering that this fell properly within the range of my duties, although a most important subject to the Colony, decided not to interfere.

BONNE BAY.

William Raikes asked several questions relative to French treaties and rights to land, &c. Read and endeavoured to explain treaties.

George Watts—dispute with brother-in-law, Wm. Moore, as to land. The latter being absent at the Labrador case could not be decided. Also enquired as to the legality of using codseines and trawls.

Case of Augustus Brow *vs.* Robert Lewis.—Brow sued Lewis for non-payment of debt of £30, and produced an acknowledgment to that effect, signed by Lewis. The latter being duly summoned, did not appear. Judgment accordingly went by default, and Robert Lewis ordered to pay the debt within six calendar months or answer at his peril.

Case of Lisle Deane and his two sons, with respect to their shares in a small schooner now building. Made an arrangement which appeared to satisfy all parties, and Mr. George Preble promised to be answerable for the full carrying out of this agreement. Willis Deane cautioned not to commit a breach of the Peace.

ST. JOHN'S ISLAND.

Heard statement of Emanuel Cains, with respect to the destruction of his fishing stage by Republic French War Steamer.

FORTEAU, LABRADOR.

CASE OF BREACH OF CONTRACT.—William Moore complains of breach of contract on the part of Mr. Pedwick, merchant. Unable to act, but considered Moore's case a hard one, if his statement was true.

CANADA BAY.

INGLEE COVE.—Took deposition of James Dunn, with respect to a French brig, name unknown, coming from La Scie, and robbing of salmon, threatening and abusing the English. Wished to have treaty rights explained; endeavored to do so.

Complaint preferred by French Captain of brig *Concorde.*—(See further on.)

GANDER BAY.

Found a salmon net set after proper date, belonging to Robert Gillingham; ordered it to be taken up. Also, found a trout net set in river, but in tidal waters. Is this legal?

John Harris and others complained of the hardship of new clause in salmon Act, altering the size of mesh. Fish running small in this river, they say they will catch none in the six-inch mesh. It is hard also, they assert, for a poor man to have to set up a new net. I think they have a legitimate grievance, and am of opinion that the Salmon Laws require careful revision; they do not appear to me to be drawn up by people thoroughly acquainted with the subject.

CAPE ROUGE HARBOR.

Complaint of T. Muner, Captain of French brig *Union,* against John Casey and other inhabitants of Conche Harbor—forwarded by Captain Aubry.

The *Union* had sailed for France two days before, but I examined the English guardian and several other witnesses, and found as follows, viz.: That the brig in question was driven on shore on the 7th September, and that three weeks elapsed, during which time the captain could, and in fact, did, save everything of any value belonging to her; and that he then sailed for France, leaving his guardien in charge of her remains. That John Casey and others, did, sometime afterwards, the brig being half under water, appropriate the mainmast and several other insignificant items, such as cabin bulkheads. One man accused of having taken a grapnel, at once admitted of having done so, saying that the guardien told him he could have it if he could get it, which he did after considerable trouble. Considering all the circumstances of the case, I fail to see that these men have committed any serious crime; although I warned them for the future, not to appropriate any wrecked property.

Also, found here French brig *Concorde;* sent for Captain and told him I was ready to listen to any complaint he had to make against any British subject, and, if necessary, to punish offenders. He, in presence of Senior Lieutenant and other officers, begged that I would take no steps in the matter. His complaint appeared to me to be of a trival nature. On the whole, I believe, the fishermen of the two nations get on here well together.

ST. ANTHONY'S

Investigated complaint brought by Capt. Lamby, French Prudhomme, and forwarded by Capt. Aubry. Capt. Lamby having no evidence to support the charge of theft against Jean Petit, dismissed the case.

Complained that the English had interfered with the French by setting salmon nets in St. Mien's Bay. There have always been disputes between the French and English here, and the reason is, that St. Mien's Bay is a first rate place for salmon nets, and it is likewise the place where the French find it convenient to draw their codseines. Under these circumstances it is almost impossible for the English to prosecute their employ-

ment without breaking the letter of the treaties and interfering with the French. I accordingly swore in Robert Simms, as special constable, and gave him the following orders, a copy of which I likewise gave to Captain Lamby:—"When informed by the French Prudhomme, that any English subjects are interfering with the French, by setting their salmon nets to the detriment of the French cod fishery, he is at once to order their removal; and if the owner refuses to do so, he is himself to see it done, calling to his assistance such persons as he may require; and any person obstructing or threatening this officer, in the execution of these orders, will be reported to the first Man-of-War visiting the port, and will answer for the same at his peril." And I should recommend that in the event of any future report from this place, an example should be made of any offenders, as I think it would prevent future complications. Robert Simms complains, and I think with justice, that he should be compelled to serve as special constable, the duties of which office take up a great deal of his time and are otherwise disagreeable, without remuneration. I promised to represent this for the favorable consideration of the Colonial Government.

JAMES E. ERSKINE,
Captain.

Miscellaneous Information.

RETURN SHEWING THE TOTAL POPULATION FROM CAPE RAY TO CAPE JOHN BY CENSUS OF 1874.

Church of England	3768
" Rome	3716
Wesleyans, Methodists	991
Others	179
TOTAL	8654

A few French and Americans reside permanently, but they are married into British families, and are scarcely distinguishable from them.

RETURN SHEWING THE NUMBER OF FRENCHMEN AND VESSELS EMPLOYED AND SAILING FROM ST. PIERRE, BETWEEN 1867 AND 1874—FISHING ON THE BANKS AND OFF ST. PIERRE.

	No. Vessels.	No. Men.
1867	804	7178
1868	774	6552
1869	806	6452
1870	833	6397
1871	665	5295
1872	865	5620
1873	899	6036
1874	847	5621

In the list of Vessels are included the schooners from St. Pierre and boats not decked, employed at the local fishery about St. Pierre.

NOTES TAKEN FROM MR. KNIGHTS CENSUS—1874.

POINT RICHE.—Eight inhabitants. Light house erected by Canada.

PORT-AUX-CHOIX.—Forty-six inhabitants. Four French rooms, two at Boat Cove and two at Savage Island; and seven French vessels.

ST. JOHN'S ISLAND.—Fifty-eight inhabitants. Five French rooms; one barque, one brigantine, three brigs, four schooners, about two hundred and sixty men; seines and bultows.

NEW FERROLLE.—Twenty-seven inhabitants. Eight French brigs, two barques, seven schooners. These vessels have their rooms at Port-aux-Choix and other places; they follow the fish down the coast as far as Flowers and Savage Coves. The people living on shore in tents; they fish with bultows well off in the Straits, and are generally supplied with bait from Lance-a-Loup and Pinware.

SAVAGE COVE.—Fifty inhabitants. About fifteen French vessels came to this Cove from Port-aux-Choix in July, to fish with bultows, &c., remain till herring fishery is nearly over.

CAPE NORMAN.—Four inhabitants. Northern point of Newfoundland; Lighthouse erected by Canada.

WESTERN HEAD—Seven inhabitants. One French room, one brig, seventy men; catch this season—two thousand quintals.

NODDY BAY.—Thirty-two inhabitants. Two French rooms, one barque, one brig, about one hundred and twenty men; catch about three thousand quintals.

BELLE ISLE NORTH.—Five inhabitants. Lighthouse erected by Canada.

QUIRPON.—Eighty-eight inhabitants. Two French brigs and seven schooners, about one hundred and ninety men; catch about four thousand quintals.

DEGRAT.—Six inhabitants. Two French rooms here.

ST. ANTHONY.—One hundred and ten inhabitants. Three French rooms and three vessels, one brig, one barque, one schooner, about one hundred and eighty men; catch five thousand quintals.

GOOSE COVE.—Eight inhabitants. One French room, two vessels.

FISHOT ISLANDS.—Fifty inhabitants. Five French rooms occupied, having a vessel for each room.

ST. JULIEN'S.—Twenty-five inhabitants. Two French rooms, six vessels, some of which go to the banks.

CROC.—Forty-one inhabitants. Two French rooms, two brigs; one had one thousand quintals from the banks, and other eight hundred quintals, besides catch taken by crews left in harbour.

CROUSE OR ROUGE HARBOUR.—Twenty-eight inhabitants. Nine French rooms, three occupied; this year's catch four thousand quintals. In Helia or Cove east of Crouse, one French room.

CONCHE.—One hundred and eighty inhabitants. Eight French rooms here seven years ago; since then French have not fished here.

HILLIARD'S HARBOR.—Nine inhabitants. No French vessel this year; one French brig last year, 1873.

CANADA HARBOR.—Twelve inhabitants. One French room.

CAT COVE.—Thirteen inhabitants. One French room.

Fleur-de-Lys.—Forty-nine inhabitants. Three French rooms and three vessels, about one hundred and sixty men; catch four thousand quintals.

Mings.—Eleven inhabitants. One French vessel this year.

Pacquet.—Five inhabitants. Two French vessels this year.

LaScie.—Twelve inhabitants. Four French rooms occupied; four vessels, about two hundred men; catch four thousand quintals.

The only places between Point Riche and Cape Ray where the French have rooms are, 1875:

Keppel's Island.—Ten inhabitants. Three French vessels, one barque, two brigs, about two hundred and fifty men.

Roche Harbor.—One hundred and twenty inhabitants. No French room here this year, 1875.

Red Island.—No inhabitants. One French room, about sixty men.

Codroy Island.—No inhabitants. One French room, sixteen men.

Most of the western coast is fished by the French passing north, which accounts for the small number of rooms.

JAMES E. ERSKINE,
Captain.

Medical Report

ON THE NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR FISHERIES—FIRST CRUISE, 1875.

H. M. S. "ECLIPSE," at St. John's, N.F.,
9th August, 1875.

SIR,—

I have the honor to make the following Medical Report of the fishing stations visited by H. M. S. *Eclipse* on the coasts of Newfoundland and Labrador, between the 7th June and the 9th August, 1875.

The *Eclipse* sailed from St. John's on the 7th June, arriving on the 9th at Trepassey.

Twenty-two patients were prescribed for, viz.:—

Catarrh	3	Cases.
Leucorrhœa	4	"
Rheumatism	5	"
Worms	1	"
Neuralgia	1	"
General Debility	2	"
Strumous Ophthalmia	1	"
Nasal Polypus	1	"

Teeth extracted	4	Cases.

St. Mary's, June 12.—Thirty-nine applicants, viz.:—

Rheumatism	13	Cases.
General Debility	8	"
Bronchitis	4	"
Neuralgia	1	"
Diarrhœa	1	"
Phthisis Pulmonalis	2	"
Catarrh	5	"
Asthma	1	"
Pregnancy	1	"
Phlegmon	1	"
Constipation	1	"
Ague	1	"

Salmonier, June 15.—Fifteen applicants, viz.:—

Ophthalmia	2	Cases.
Scrofula	2	"
Dyspepsia	1	"
Debility	1	"
Rheumatism	4	"
Neuralgia	1	"
Prolapsus Ani	1	"
Amenorhœa	2	"
Epithelioma of lower lip (excision performed)	2	"

Placentia, June 19.—No application for medical aid; very little communication with the shore in consequence of the stormy weather. Sailed on the 21st, calling, but not anchoring, at Burin. Informed by the pilot, who landed, that the place was healthy, and that a medical agent resided there.

Same day at GREAT and LITTLE ST. LAWRENCE.—Thirty-eight applicants, viz. :—

Debility	3	Cases.
Cynanche	2	"
Tongue-tied (operation performed)	1	"
Constipation	1	"
Catarrh	1	"
Bronchitis	4	"
Gastrodynia	4	"
Neuralgia	3	"
Phlegmon...	2	"
Leucorrhœa	1	"
Amenorrhœa	1	"
Uterine Hemorrhage	1	"
Hydrocele	1	"
Chorea	1	"
Myopia	1	"
Ganglion	1	"
Sinus (situated near hip joint, operation performed)	1	"
Sprain	1	"
Tumors	2	"
Impetigo	1	"
Staphyloma	1	"
Fleurodynia	1	"
Nicotinism	2	"
Teeth extracted	1	"

NORTH BAY, June 25.—No applicants.

LITTLE RIVER, June 27.—Five applicants, viz :—

Phthisis Pulmonalis	1	Case.
Gastrodynia	2	"
Worms	1	"
Tumour	1	"

Lapoile Bay, June 29.—No applicants.

Port-aux-Basques, July 3.—Seventeen applicants, viz.;—

Rheumatism	5	Cases.
Debility	2	"
Gastrodynia	1	"
Aphthæ	1	"
Lencorrhœa	1	"
Menorrhagia	1	"
Scrofula	1	"
Bronchitis	1	"
Parenychia	1	"
Warts	2	"
Hydrocele	1	"

A medical agent resides here, and visits Codroy and other places adjacent to this port.

Sydney, Cape Breton Island, July 8.—No applicants. Several medical men reside here. There were some cases of typhoid fever in the town.

Codroy, July 15.—Eight applicants, viz.:—

Phthisis Pulmonalis	1	Case.
Rheumatism	1	"
Dysmenorrhœa	1	"
Nervous Debility	1	"
Reducible Inguinal Hernia	1	"
Phlegmon	1	"
Whitlows	2	"

St. George's Bay, July 18.—No applicants.

Bay of Islands, July 21.—Ten applicants, viz.:—

Gastrodynia	1	Case.

Dyspepsia	1	Case.
Aphthæ	1	"
Bright's Disease	1	"
Catarrh	1	"
Asthma	1	"
Bronchitis	1	"
Wound	1	"
Impetigo	1	"
Lumbago	1	"

Bonne Bay, July 23.—Eleven applicants, viz.:—

Gastrodynia	2	Cases.
Rheumatism	1	"
Amenorrhœa	1	"
Asthma	2	"
Paralysis	1	"
Incipient Cerebral Softening	1	"
Cancer of the neck	1	"

Hawke's Bay, July 25.—Two applicants, viz.:—

Worms	2	"

St. Barbe's Bay, July 30.—One applicant, viz.:—

Rheumatism	1	"

Forteau Bay, Labrador, July 31.—Six applicants, viz.:—

Catarrh	1	"
Dyspepsia	3	"
Lumbago	1	"
Ringworm	1	"

Black Bay, Labrador, August 4.—No applicants.

Red Bay, Labrador, August 4.—Seventeen applicants, viz.:—

Rheumatism	1	"

Debility	1	Case.
Dyspepsia	1	"
Constipation	1	"
Diarrhœa	1	"
Worms	1	"
Tabes Mesenterica	2	"
Jaundice	1	"
Phthisis pulmonalis	1	"
Scrofula	2	"
Fever remittent	2	"
Dysmenorrhœa	1	"
Wound	1	"
Teeth extracted	1	"

No infectious diseases prevailed at any of the above named places, except the enteric fever at Sydney.

No medical agent found except at the places mentioned above.

CANADA BAY, August 6.—Four applicants, viz.:—

Gastrodynia	1	Case.
Pleurodynia	1	"
Dyspepsia	1	"
Myelitis	1	"

Sailed on the 7th, arriving at St. John's on the 9th August, and terminating the 1st cruise.

Total number of applicants, one hundred and ninety-five.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

C. J. DEVONSHIRE, M. B.,
Staff Surgeon.

CAPT. JAMES E. ERSKINE, R. N., &c.
H. M. S. *Eclipse.*

Medical Report

ON THE NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR FISHERIES—SECOND CRUISE, 1875.

H. M. S. "Eclipse," at St. John's, N.F.,
7th October, 1875.

Sir,—

I have the honor to make the following Medical Report of the fishing stations visited by H. M. S. *Eclipse* on the coasts of Newfoundland and Labrador, between the 9th September and the 6th October, 1875.

The *Eclipse* sailed from St. John's on the 9th September, arriving on the 10th at Gander Bay.

Five patients were prescribed for, viz.:—

Ulcer of leg	1	Case.
Ophthalmia	1	"
Ranula	1	"
Rheumatism	1	"
General Debility	1	"

Sailed 21st September, arriving on the 22nd at Rouge Bay. Six patients were attended, viz.:—

Scurvy	1	Case.
Curvature of Spine	1	"

Dyspepsia	1	Case.
Syphilis	1	"
Sciatica	1	"
Sprain	1	"

Sailed 24th September, arriving the same day at St. Anthony's Bay. Four patients, viz.:—

Rheumatism	1	Case.
Ophthalmia	1	"
Dyspepsia	1	"
Debility	1	"

Sailed 25th September, arriving the same day at Niger Sound. Eight patients, viz.:—

Contusion	1	Case.
Impetigo	1	"
Ophthalmia	1	"
Rheumatism	1	"
Mammary Abscess	1	"
Hysteria	1	"
Phthisis Pulmonalis	1	"
Fistula	1	"

No infectious diseases were prevalent at the ports visited.

Sailed 4th October, arriving on the 6th at St. John's.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

C. J. DEVONSHIRE, M. B.,
Staff Surgeon, R. N.

CAPT. JAMES E. ERSKINE, N. R., &c.
H. M. S. *Eclipse.*

(Approved JAMES E. ERSKINE, *Captain.*)

Navigation and Pilotage.

REPORTING UPON THE NAVIGATION AND PILOTAGE OF THE COASTS OF NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR.

H. M. S. "ECLIPSE," St. John's, N. F.,
9th October, 1875.

SIR,—

In reporting upon the navigation and pilotage of the coasts and harbors of Newfoundland, nearly the whole of which have been visited this season (except Placentia Bay), and a portion of the coast of Labrador, I have the honor to inform you that, with the exception of the three places hereafter described, I have found the Admiralty charts and plans to be thoroughly correct and reliable, and the sailing directions full and complete.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

FREDERICK HIRE,
Navigating Lieutenant.

CAPTAIN ERSKINE,
H. M. S. "Eclipse,"
Senior Officer.

(Approved JAMES E. ERSKINE, *Captain.*)

TREPASSY HARBOR—Plan No. 1839.

The spit extending out from a pier on the eastern side, opposite Meadow Point, has only sixteen to seventeen feet of water for a considerable distance, shewn as four fathoms; but the spit does not extend any further out than represented and defined by the five fathom line of sounding.

PLACENTIA BAY—No. 2829.

Vessels of deep draught, navigating this harbor, should give Point Verde a wide berth, as the shoal water appears to extend farther out than represented in the chart.

GANDER BAY—No. 293—FOGO ISLAND TO CAPE BONAVISTA.

No description is given of this Bay in the sailing directions, nor is there any plan; but the chart is correct and sufficient guide as far as Bussey Point, which may be passed close. The next Point to the southward on the same side (called Wing's Point) should be given a moderately wide berth, (avoiding the shoal water on the opposite shore) as no seven fathom channel exists between it and a three and a half fathom patch (marked) lying off it, but shoal water extends some little distance off, gradually deepening from three to four, five, six, and seven fathoms. Between this Point and a small islet, on the opposite shore lying about south (mag.) good anchorage may be had in five to six fathoms, soft mud.

Forwarding Fishery Reports.

H. M. S. "SWALLOW,"
St. John's, N.F., 22nd October, 1875.

SIR,—

I have the honor to forward herewith reports in triplicate on the Newfoundland and Labrador Fisheries, together with reports from the Surgeon and Navigating Sub-Lieutenant.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

ED. DRUMMOND,
Commander.

CAPT. J. E. ERSKINE,
H. M. S. "Eclipse," *Senior Officer,*
Newfoundland.

H. M. S. "Eclipse,"

St. John's, N.F., 24th October, 1875.

No. 45.

Forwarded for the information of the Commander-in-Chief.

JAMES E. ERSKINE,
Captain and Senior Officer.

Vice-Admiral Geo. G. Wellesley, C. B.,
Commander-in-Chief.

Fishery Report.

H. M. S. "Swallow,
St. John's, N. F., 14th Oct., 1875.

Sir,—

I have the honor to report on the places visited in her Majesty's ship *Swallow*, under my command, whilst employed on the Fisheries—as follow :—

Gander Bay, June 27.

There is a fine river at the head of this Bay. Salmon late; only just in.

Canada Bay, July 1.

Anchored at the head of this Bay. There are two Salmon Rivers, one of which is fished, and salmon just commencing to run. The French do not come up the Bay.

Conche Bay, July 3.

The English families are increasing fast in this Bay (about twenty-three now). It is a great Bay for salmon, and as the French do not interfere, it is the principal fishery. I was told that there are, this year, forty-five fleets of nets, as well as as many more single nets. It is extraordinary how they can all catch salmon, but they do. The total catch was quoted to me at from two hundred to two thousand barrels.

ROUGE HARBOR, July 3.

At this place is the largest French establishment on the north-east coast. They have eight rooms, employing about three hundred men. One vessel has not yet arrived; no cod to speak of yet. No English here except the guardian of the French rooms.

CROC HARBOR, July 3.

There are two French rooms here this year. The ice is represented as having been unusually heavy this year. The master of a French banker told me he was twenty-six days in the ice on his way out. No English here except the guardian of the French rooms.

FISHOT ISLANDS, July 5.

A very late season. Three French rooms this year. Five English families; the French had compelled one of them to take up their salmon nets. No cod yet.

SOUTHERN BROOK, HARE BAY, July 5.

Came here, as I was told that the French were fishing the river, but there is no one here yet. A small river and good anchorage.

CREMAILLERE HARBOR, July 6.

No French. Two English families. Plenty of salmon, but no cod.

ST. ANTHONY'S HARBOR, July 6.

Only two French rooms this year, and no fishing yet. There are fourteen or fifteen English families; but the French do not allow them to settle on the sites of the old Freach rooms, of which there are five. Yesterday the French captain of the rooms ordered all the English to take up their salmon nets, producing some paper which, he said, was his authority. I was appealed to, and said that any nets that were in the

way of the French must be lifted, if required; and might then be replaced. Mr. Moore, who appears to be the principal inhabitant, says that the salmon fishing is the only difficulty they have with the French. He also told me that it was estimated that the French man-of-war, *Diamant*, had seized £1500 worth of British property in 1873, and that there was still a very strong feeling about it.

ST. SEMAIRE, July 6.

There are no French here. Four or five English families. Cod just coming in; plenty salmon.

WHITE CAPE, FORTUNE HARBOR AND CRIQUETS, July 7.

A few English families; no French. Cod just coming in. No complaints.

DEGRATS, July 7.

Two English families who speak warmly of the kindness of the French. Two French rooms.

QUIRPON, July 7.

Three French rooms; thirteen English families. No cod yet, to speak of. This harbor was completely frozen over on the 10th June this year. Mr. Penny tells me that there was no seal fishing here this spring, and that if it is not a good year for cod there will be great distress. Obliged to return to St. John's from here with a case of small-pox. On the north-east coast wherever there are French, they do not allow the English to fish salmon, that is, if they can prevent it, with the exception of Conche Bay. Also, they do not allow the English to use cod seines.

INDIAN BROOK, HALL'S BAY, July 17.

There are three salmon-rivers at the head of this bay, of which Indian Brook is reported the best, and they have all been poached for upwards

of half a century by a family of the name of Russell. Uriah Russell, who fishes Indian Brook, stated his average catch as from sixteen to twenty tierces, and that the size of the fish had much decreased.

Arrived 8th—Salmon is a good fish here. I found Indian Brook barred right across, and had the net cut and removed, and cautioned Uriah. The first-lieutenant went up South Brook, and old Russell carefully pointed out that the river was not barred, but it evidently had been, and I have little doubt will be again. There is here a steam lumber mill owned and worked by a Mr. Squarrey; it cuts about five thousand feet per day, and works a circular-saw, the boiler consuming all the refuse wood. The lumberers say that there is only a limited supply of lumber, which will last perhaps five years. Mr. Squarrey is an intelligent man, and on talking to him about the salmon fisheries, he said he would take the salmon-wardership for nothing, rather than see the fishery utterly destroyed. He said that he had seen upwards of a hundred salmon nets set within a mile of Indian Brook, and of all sized meshes.

Cook Harbor, Pistolet Bay, July 21.

Found here about fifteen English schooners; they report a poor year for cod as yet. No French here; a few English families.

Savage Cove, July 22.

Communicated with this cove by boat. Four French vessels here and five English families. A poor season to this date; the same is reported from Flowers Cove.

St. Barbe's, July 22.

One man had done well here, but he was the exception; the same bad accounts as at other places is the rule. There is a small salmon river fished by a man named Genge.

Bradore, July 25.

Crossed the Straits to this place to-day. Fishery very poor as yet, both

cod and salmon. The settlers here complain of the cod-seines, and say that they drive the fish out into deep water. I was asked whether it was legal for Newfoundland schooners to haul their cod-seines in Canadian waters, and gave it as my opinion that it was.

BLANC SABLON, July 27.

About sixty schooners here; all, with one exception, report a bad season. Went over to M. de Quetteville's rooms,—a very complete establishment of about one hundred and fifty men, comprising blacksmiths, armourers, coopers, carpenters and sailmakers, the whole being fishermen, when there is no work for them in their respective trades.

FORTEAU, July 29.

About twenty schooners. A bad report of the fisheries; a fine salmon river here, but the fish have now almost ceased running. Mr. Rabbits, who has the rooms here, told me that he was much against the use of cod-seines, and would be glad to see them discontinued, as he thought that they destroyed the fishery; but he did not think it was yet the general opinion.

LANCE-A-LOUP, August 2.

Anchored here to hear a complaint against Elias Watson, by Patrick McDonald, for a day's wages. Settled in favor of McDonald. Here was a case shewing the hardship of being unable to get any title to land. Some years ago Mr. Watson bought the rooms here for a considerable sum of money, and about two years ago Patrick McDonald (who is a thoroughly lazy, worthless character, from what I could learn) came to and settled in the small cove, which Mr. Watson fairly considered as his property; thereby completely ruining Mr. Watson's seal and herring fishery. Mr. Watson has made every sort of offer to induce McDonald to remove, if only for half a mile; but without effect.

Black Bay, August 2.

Here they also report a poor year for cod. Salmon fair. I went up the Pinware river for about two miles; it appeared to me to be a very fine river: I think the largest I have seen. It is said to be very long, and I was told ran to Quebec. There is some steel sand in the river that is said to be valuable.

Cartwright Harbor, Sandwich Bay, August 4.

Left Black Bay on the 3rd, and the weather being very fine and clear. I thought it better to go north at once and work southward. At five P. M. I anchored here.

Sandwich Bay is an important salmon fishery, and there is a room here used by the Hudson Bay Company. The fishery is now ended here, and the manager told me they had had a fair catch. I could not get much information, but I fancy they will get nearly eight hundred tierces of salmon, altogether.

Hinchinbrook, Sandwich Bay, August 5.

Eight A. M. anchored in this Bay, which is here called Paradise. I went about five miles op the river, which is a very large one. There are two men fishing it, and they have caught between them about sixty tierces. The salmon have almost done running, but the grilse are running freely. The fishermen are much annoyed by the seals robbing their nets, and they are obliged to watch them the whole day long.

Eagle River, Sandwich Bay, August 6.

Anchored off the mouth of this river and went up to the falls (almost six miles from the anchorage). This is by far the most important river I have seen, and in volume, I think, greater than Paradise river. To me it looked, as it is, the perfection of a salmon river. The Hudson Bay Company have a post here, and will get about one hundred tierces and twenty thousand lbs. tinned salmon. But their catch was much injured

by a heavy flood about a fortnight ago, at the very best time of their fishing, which made the river so high that for nearly a week they could not fish their nets properly, and the fish got up over the falls. The season is just over; the catch to-day being about sixty, which they account nothing, and chiefly grilse. To give an idea of the number of fish that go up the river, I may mention that one of the men who has been here twenty years, told me that he had seen as many as eleven hundred taken in one day. Of course this is exceptional. There are not so many salmon taken here as there used to be, but that is accounted for by the increased number of nets in the Bay; and altogether I was told that the number of Salmon taken in the whole Bay had not decreased. There is another river here called White Bear River, but it has a muddy bottom, and when in flood comes down a bad color, so that the salmon do not go up it so readily. I was informed that no one fished it.

LONG ISLAND, CAPE NORTH, AND GRADY ISLAND, August 10.

At these places they have only recently got any fish, but now report a good season, and expect to do well. No herring yet.

INDIAN TICKLE, August 10.

The reports here the same as at Grady. They only got fish a week ago, but very plentiful now, and expect to do well.

DOMINO RUN, GRIFFIN'S, BATTEAU, OCCASIONAL, DEER AND BATTLE HARBORS, August 11th to 15th.

At all these places a very poor season is reported at present, but it is hoped that fish may yet strike in.

CHATEAU, PITTS'S HARBOR, August 15 to 18.

Here the fishery has been very poor, but they are now doing pretty well. The herring nets are set, but the fish are not yet in, in any quantity. I sailed on the 18th, and arrived at Saint John's on the 20th August, 1875.

Second Cruise.

According to your orders, I left St. John's on the 9th September, and after experiencing a fresh gale from the northwest, with a very heavy sea on the 10th and 11th, arrived and anchored in Port Saunders, Hawke's Bay, on the evening of the 14th September.

St. John Island, September 15.

Sent an officer on shore to communicate with the French guardian. There were no complaints of any sort; the English and French being apparently on very good terms. There was a considerable number of English schooners about St. John's Island and Point Riche (about forty I judged), but as the French made no complaint of their interference, I concluded that they did not, in any way, interfere with the French fishery. The fishing season has been a bad one, and the herring not yet in.

Port Saunders, Keppel Island, Hawke's Bay, Sept. 15 to 17.

The same bad reports about the fisheries.

Bay of Islands.

Got into the Bay of Islands on the 18th, just as a strong south-east gale with thick weather was coming on, and rode it out in Took Harbor. On the 20th went up Humber River, and anchored off Pettipas Cove. A thriving settlement. The herring, the only fishery, not yet in. On the 21st crossed over to Birchy Cove and communicated with Mr. Carter, resident magistrate. He has a difficult position, but told me he was

gradually getting the settlers to understand and respect it. Mr. Carter informed me of a case that sounded very like piracy by a Yankee who is settled here; the said Yankee claimed to be exempt from every jurisdiction of the Newfoundland government. I offered to help Mr. Carter in any way I could, taking into consideration the short time I could stop; but he said, and I agreed with him, that he thought it better to wait instructions from the government to whom he had fully reported the circumstances. I think serious difficulties may arise here soon if the people cannot get a title to land, as the settlers are fast increasing.

PORT-AUX-BASQUES, Sept. 22.

A poor season; herring not yet in.

LAPOILE, Sept. 23.

Anchored in Northeast Arm. James Taylor, a very old man, and badly ruptured, came on board in great distress. His son, his principal support, was unfortunately drowned last autumn; he has been unable to get much fish this summer, and the merchant has refused him supplies. We gave him a little help, but I fear that unless something is done for him, he will hardly get through the winter. The fishery has been bad here, and fears are entertained for the winter. On our way out on the 25th, I called in at Little Harbor to enquire into the case of James Taylor. We had a very heavy gale on the 27th. Detained here by the weather.

BURGEO ISLANDS, Sept. 28.

Anchored in King's Harbor. The same bad account of the fishing here, and fears of distress in the winter.

WHITE BEAR BAY, Sept. 29.

A fine harbor, entirely land-locked, with high hills. A telegraph station at the head of the Bay. The salmon and trout fishing has been reported as having been very bad this summer. Detained here by the weather.

LITTLE RIVER, October 3.

Anchored off the settlement on the 3rd, and next day went up the Bay. A very fine harbor. Fishing reported as very bad. The settlers here grow a few potatoes, and can get a good deal of game in the winter, and I do not think they will be so badly off as at some other places. Detained here by the weather.

BURIN, October 7.

Some accounts here make the season a bad one. Others fairly good. This is the largest settlement I have seen on the coast, and a thriving one. Sheep and cattle are to be seen.

TREPASSEY, October 10.

A good season reported here. A thriving settlement. I should say that at this place and at Burin, the money to be made, depends entirely on the labor expended. I sailed on the 13th, and arrived at St. John's on the 14th. The weather for the last fortnight has been almost uninterruptedly bad.

(Signed) ED. DRUMMOND,
Commander

CAPT. J. E. ERSKINE,
H. M. S. "Eclipse," *Senior Officer*
Newfoundland.

Medical Report on the Fisheries, 1875.

ST. JOHN'S, June 7.

Left here and arrived at Catalina same day. No medical man here for nearly six months; treated cases of ulcer, abscess, ophthalmia, skin disease, amenorrhœa, rheumatism, debility. No epidemic disease ashore.

GANDER BAY, June 28.

No medical officer here. Treated rheumatism, ulcers, dyspepsia and skin diseases.

CANADA BAY, July 1.

Treated cases of dentition, amenorrhœa, rheumatism, dyspepsia, intestinal worms.

ROUGE AND CROC HARBORS, July 5.

Treated cases of bronchitis, vesical catarrh, eczema scabies, rheumatism, ulcer, boil, intestinal worms.

HARE BAY, July 5.

Treated cases of rheumatism, dyspepsia, anemia, ophthalmia, amenhorrœa, intestinal worms, eczema, and rheumatism.

ST. LUNAIRE, July 6.

Treated cases of bronchitis, dyspepsia, constipation, menorrhagia, anemia, and eczema.

QUIRPON, July 7.

Treated cases of rheumatic arthritis, ophthalmia, sprains, rheumatism, anemia, debility, bronchitis, dyspepsia, and entozoa.

HALL'S BAY, July 17.

Treated cases of dyspepsia, anemia, ophthalmia, rheumatism, debility, and anemia.

PISTOLET, July 22.

Treated cases of dysmenorrhœa, abscess of mammæ, bronchitis, lobula pneumonia, eczima, ploriasis sclerotitis, rheumatism, dyspepsia, phthisis.

ST. BARBE'S, July 22.

Treated cases of morbus cordis, anemia, dysmenorrhœa, ophthalmia, constipation, bronchitis, eczema, tabes mesenterica, one case of chronic mania, recommended to be sent to Lunatic Asylum.

BRADORE, July 26.

Treated cases of debility, from measles which was epidemic last autumn, rheumatism, amenorrhœa, anemia, struma, phthisis pulmonalis.

BLANC SABLON, July 27.

Treated cases of leucorrhœa, anemia, dyspepsia, rheumatism, ophthalmia, ulcer, abscess, rheumatic fever, teeth extracted, cynanche.

FORTEAU, July 29.

Treated cases of rheumatism, otitis, dyspepsia, scurvy, tonsilitis, pityriasis, ophthalmia, menorrhogia, ulcer, abscess, constipation.

BLACK BAY, August 2.

Treated cases of whooping cough, epidemic cases moderate attended

with epistaxis, rheumatism, amenorrhœa, bronchitis, parotitis, iritis, dyspepsia, eczema, teeth extracted.

CARTWRIGHT, August 4.

Treated cases of debility, constipation, ophthalmia, bronchitis, scabies.

HINCHINBROOK, August 5.

Treated cases of whooping cough, epidemic cases severe in adults, none fatal; debility, phthisis, acute nephritis, ulcer, abscess, rheumatism, dyspepsia, diarrhœa, fistula in ano, cynanche.

EAGLE RIVER, August 6.

Treated cases of whooping cough, epidemic, no fatal cases, all moderate, attended with epistaxis and copious expectoration; teeth extracted.

CARTWRIGHT, August 10.

Teeth extracted.

INDIAN TICKLE, August 11.

Treated cases of rheumatism, dyspepsia, amenorrhœa, ophthalmia, ulcer, abscess.

OCCASIONAL HARBOR, August 11.

Treated cases of rheumatism, ophthalmia, dyspepsia, leucorrhœa, cynanche.

DEER HARBOR, August 12.

Treated cases of tonsilitis, pleurodynia, dentition, lumbago, debility, phthisis, eczema.

CHATEAU, August 13.

Treated cases of tabes dorsalis, rheumatism, diarrhœa, dyspepsia, cynanche, leucorrhœa, anemia.

HAWKE'S BAY, September 16.

Treated cases of entozoa, sporadic whooping cough, bronchitis, struma, rheumatism, dyspepsia, constipation.

HUMBER RIVER, September 20.

Treated cases of lingua frenata, phthisis, dyspepsia, ophthalmia, asthma, entoza.

LAPOILE, September 24.

Treated sprains.

LITTLE RIVER, October 3.

Treated cases of dyspepsia, rheumatism, phthisis.

TREPASSEY, October 11.

Treated cases of sinus, cysts, bronchitis, struma, eczema, paralysis, cynanche, rheumatism, morbis cordis, phthisis, nychia.

JOHN LYON, M. B.,
Surgeon H.M.S. Swallow.

Hydrographical Report.

COAST OF NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR.

H. M. S. "SWALLOW,"
St. John's, N.F., October 14, 1875.

SIR,—

I have the honor to report for your information that I have no remarks to make on the harbors and anchorages visited by H. M. S. *Swallow* whilst employed upon the coasts of Newfoundland and Labrador, with the following exception:—

SANDWICH BAY—EAGLE RIVER.

Shoal with less than six feet on its shallowest part, S.E., E. $\frac{1}{4}$ E. 2'4 from Separation Point, about two cables in diameter. The land in Sandwich Bay, as marked in Admiralty Chart, No. 263, Cape Charles to Sandwich Bay, cor., January '73, is incorrectly placed as regards the small islands and rocks, in and about the entrance of Sandwich Bay.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

CHAS. H. HOPKINS,
Navigating Lieutenant.

To Commander E. C. DRUMMOND,
H. M. S. *Swallow*,
St. John's, Newfoundland.